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1. (Once Amended) A device comprising an adapter block for seating on a laboratory magnetic stirrer and having a recess in the base thereof for receiving an upper portion of the stirrer, the adapter block containing fixing means for holding a plurality of reaction vessels, wherein when the adapter block is co-operatively positioned on a magnetic stirrer within a magnetic field generated by the magnetic stirrer, each and every position for holding a reaction vessel is effectively located for stirring with respect to the magnetic field with the center of each vessel distributed around the recess outside its periphery.

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11. (Once Amended) A magnetic stirrer fitted with an adapter block wherein the adapter block includes a recess in the base thereof for receiving an upper portion of the stirrer in which a magnetic field is generated, and includes fixing means for holding a plurality of reaction vessels with their centers distributed around the recess outside its periphery, and wherein the adapter block is positioned within the magnetic field generated by the magnetic stirrer such that each and every socket is effectively positioned for stirring with respect to the magnetic field.

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12. (Once amended) A magnetic stirrer according to claim 11 wherein the stirrer incorporates a hotplate and a condenser unit.

13. A magnetic stirrer fitted with an adapter block wherein the adapter block contains fixing means for holding a plurality of reaction vessels, the adapter block positioned within the magnetic field generated by the laboratory magnetic stirrer such that each and every socket of the fixing means is effectively positioned for stirring with respect to the magnetic field, and wherein the stirrer incorporates a condenser unit.

14. ~~The~~ A device according to claim 13, wherein the adapter block includes a recess in ⁹the base thereof for receiving an upper portion of the stirrer.

15. A device according to claim 14, wherein the centers of the reaction vessels are distributed around the recess outside its periphery.

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17. ~~The~~ A device according to claim 1, wherein the fixing means comprises a plurality of holders. *what are the holders are they the same as the sockets*

18. A device according to claim 1, wherein a base portion of each vessel may be held substantially at the level of the recess.
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19. A magnetic stirrer according to claim 11, wherein the fixing means comprises a plurality of holders. *same as sockets*

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